

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE SINDHI FOUNDATION AND TASSC INTERNATIONAL

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the important work of the Sindhi Foundation and TASSC International. They are tearing down the barriers that sow division between cultures, fight discrimination and prejudice, and shine a light on those countries who target minorities for kidnapping, torture, and death.

Sindhis in Pakistan, Kurds in the Middle East, Tamils in Sri Lanka, Uyghurs in China and others have been lost to “enforced disappearances,” removed from their families and erased from the sunlight of society. This terrifying and barbaric practice must end.

The Sindhi Foundation and TASSC International are doing valiant work highlighting this heinousness. I thank them for their continued efforts to combat injustice, promote equity and provide healing to hurt families around the world.

HONORING NATIONAL HUNGER ACTION DAY

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2019

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor National Hunger Action Day. Our nation has seen the damage and despair that hunger inflicts in our communities. In the greatest country on earth, no child should go to bed hungry. I am proud that the City of Charleston is committed to stamping out hunger in the Lowcountry.

The Lowcountry Food Bank is working in our district to educate folks about food insecurity and reduce the rates of it in our community. More than 25 million meals—yes, you heard that right—25 MILLION meals were distributed in 2018 by the Lowcountry Food Bank and its 300 food pantries. The role that this network plays in our community is vital in addressing hunger and raising awareness of an issue that reaches all corners of the world.

No child, no family, and no human being should experience the pain that hunger inflicts. National Hunger Action Day is one of the many platforms dedicated to tackling this crisis. Foodbanks across the Lowcountry and the rest of the country are teaming up to host events in September to bring awareness to food insecurity and how it impacts us as a society. We must fight hunger and mobilize the resources to take action and confront this crisis head on.

HONORING THOMAS TODARO, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK COMMANDER

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of New York Commander, Thomas Todaro.

Thomas was elected to this prestigious and well-deserved post in June 2019. He has served both his country and his fellow Veterans for many years. During the Vietnam War, Thomas served in the United States Army as part of the 9th Infantry Division and was stationed at Mei Kong Delta. There, he earned the rank of Sergeant E–5.

In 1972, Thomas joined the John W. Tiffany VFW Post 53 in Jamestown, New York. He became a life member in 1997 and is now a Gold Legacy Life Member. He has held various positions within the VFW over the years, including Senior Vice Commander, Chautauqua County Commander and Sixth District Commander. He also served on a variety of state committees during his tenure. In 2015, he was appointed as the Patriotic Instructor at the 2015 State Convention, Chief of Staff at the 2016 State Convention and Junior Vice Commander at the 2017 State Convention.

Thomas has also served as a Service Officer in the VFW Department of New York and the Director of Veterans Service for the state. He continues to hold a staff position as a mentor for the Buffalo Veterans Court.

Thomas has clearly given much of himself for our country and our Veterans. Congratulations to you, Thomas, for this new position—and I thank you for all that you have done and will do in the future. I know that Veterans in New York State have gained a wise leader and a genuinely honorable man with you as their Commander.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor VFW Department of New York Commander, Thomas Todaro.

RECOGNIZING GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER HIGH SCHOOL

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a commemoration of George Washington Carver High School and the George Washington Carver Alumni and Friends Association. It is with great pleasure that I commend George Washington Carver High School for receiving a historical highway marker designation from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

George Washington Carver High School was founded in 1948 after African-Americans in Chesterfield County advocated for a new high school to address the lack of appropriate educational opportunities and services for African-American students. Over the next 22 years, George Washington Carver High School was the county’s only public high school for African-American students. Mr. William Albert “W.A.” Brown, the sole principal of the school, along with his faculty and staff, propelled George Washington Carver High School to become a center of intellectual and cultural excellence within the community.

George Washington Carver High School closed its doors in 1970 due to desegregation across the country. To honor its legacy of breaking barriers and providing exceptional educational opportunities, the George Washington Carver Alumni and Friends Association formed in 2014. For the past five years, the organization has provided services for the community, such as mentoring, volunteering, and supporting students with scholarships and other resources. Due to the efforts of the George Washington Carver Alumni and Friends Association, the former school site was recognized with a historical highway marker by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. The Association’s outreach efforts and tireless advocacy prove that the work ethic instilled in the 22 classes of George Washington Carver High School endures today.

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources approved George Washington Carver Alumni and Friends Association’s request to designate the former high school as a historic site on April 17, 2019. The official recognition ceremony was on June 21, 2019, with a representative from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and the unveiling of a large mounted poster at the George Washington Carver Alumni and Friends Association Biennial Scholarship Benefit Gala will be held on September 21, 2019.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the George Washington Carver High School and the legacy it has left behind for the entire country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Paul Laurence Dunbar Commemorative Coin Act. This bill recognizes one of the first influential African-American poets in American literature and benefits the Dunbar Alumni Federation, the alumni association for the Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School, which is historic for being the first public high school for African Americans in the

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